

V.—ABNORMAL ELEPHANT TUSKS (*ELEPHAS
MAXIMUS*).

(*With a plate*).

I send you two photographs of a solitary elephant carrying tusks of a most unusual shape and symmetry. The awkward position in which he wore his tusks is really responsible for his death. This elephant had been doing extensive damage to crops in the Borelli River area, in the Tezpur district of Assam. I was able to follow up that night's tracks and after about 6 miles came upon him, wallowing in a small *bheel* 200 yards ahead of where I stood. As I was deliberating the best method of approaching him, he winded us and made off full tilt. I had a very good Miri tracker with me, and after pushing on his trail for an hour or so I thought it was going to be an all-day job, when the tusker foolishly changed his direction and plunged into 'Geruka' jungle. We listened carefully and could then hear him breaking through about a quarter of a mile ahead. We left his tracks and ran as fast as was possible in soft mud along the edge of the Geruka patch to head him off, and we arrived at the other end just as the tusker was emerging into the tree jungle at the spot we were standing. He came out directly facing us, and one barrel from my .470 fetched his brain. Had this elephant kept to tree jungle he would probably have put many miles between us before pulling up.

I shall be interested to hear if any other of your readers has seen an Indian elephant with tusks similarly pointing to the heavens.

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VI.—ABNORMAL HORN GROWTH IN THE MUNTJAC
(*MUNTIACUS VAGINALIS*).

(*With a photo*).

I enclose a photograph of a Kakur head with two coronets on one pedicle. The lower part of the horn is smooth and nearly black